

SAN DIEGO DX CLUB

BULLETIN



October 2008



Harry blowing out 80 candles!!
Escondido Firefighters on standby!!



Join us at
The SIZZLER, Aero Drive & Murphy Canyon Rd
October 22, 2008
Dinner, 6:00 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M
Program: C91 DXpedition



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From the Prez.....

Glenn Rattmann



Cycle 24 is alive... maybe!

As I write this Monday the 13th, there have been stirrings on the sun over the past several weeks. On three different dates, reports noted that Cycle 24-type spots were seen briefly. They were not of long duration, but they were there! A couple of days ago, I noted that the SFI was up to 71 for the first time since May. This number has been bogged down around 66-67 for months.

Sure enough, this slight increase was enough to pump up the higher bands a little, with a lot of east coast-to-Europe QSOs being made on 18 MHz. For the most part, 21 MHz continues to disappoint. Yet, the low bands have been very good also, during October 9-12. I worked a Zone 18 Russian on 80 (pre-sunrise, skew path), and several Europeans long path on 40m.

Are any members of the Club doing direct observations or photography of the sun's surface? Please share your knowledge and experiences with us!

The DX season is underway, with not one but TWO separate DXpeditions to VK9 entities (one Norfolk, the other Willis). VK9DWX from Willis has a great signal on 160m to the West Coast. Another European group is holding forth from 9L1X.

Remember, the CQWW Phone DX Contest on October 25-26 is a 48-hour opportunity to work a lot of DX, starting at 0000Z (Friday, 5PM local start). Also note that over the next few days there will be increased DX activity in general, as many of the contest expeditioners set up early and test their stations. This gives you a good opportunity for some new ones, and to test your pileup skills!

In the contest, look for Club members Wild Bill, WB6BFG, who will be in Honduras and John, K6AM, who will be in Bonaire.

October Program

Our own Ben, N6MUF, will give a presentation on his C91 DXpedition this past summer.

Visalia Rewards!

Leon, N6VS reported that SCDXC (Don, N6IC and committee) has sent a check to SDDXC as our share of the net proceeds from the Visalia DX Convention project. Details are in Leon's report. Great thanks go to Don, Sharon and the SCDXC gang, and to all our San Diego folks who worked so hard on the project!

Now a couple of reminders:

November Meetings—The Board has revisited the issue of holding a regular meeting in November. The fourth Wednesday typically is the night before Thanksgiving Thursday. Certainly, some folks may choose not to attend the DX club meeting but many others want to have a meeting and don't feel it is an automatic conflict. **Hence, starting this November there will be a regular meeting (November 26th).** We will evaluate attendance and see if it works.

Holiday party/December meeting-- For the past few years, the Holiday party has been held at members' homes (open to all club members), with food and drink, and door prizes, provided by the club. Many members don't attend. In keeping with the overall mission of the club, the sense of the Board is that members who want to attend such a party should bear the cost of this activity themselves. Starting this year, we want to make this a self-sustaining activity. Based on last year's event, the break-even cost per person will be \$15. The date of the party will remain the first Saturday of December (Dec. 6th) at a member's home (TBD). **Please note, the deadline for signup and your fee will be the October meeting.** There will continue to be NO REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER.

So... if you feel strongly about the Holiday party, please let us know at the October meeting, or "vote" with an email to me about it if you can't make the meeting!

See you on the "low end"... and keep digging!

San Diego DX Club Policy

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DX Bulletin and/or E-mail Reflector

The San Diego DX Club, a group of Amateur Radio operators, interested in the art of DXing, publish a monthly newsletter, and maintains an e-mail reflector where members and officers can post information of interest to other members. The E-mail reflector is NOT an official club reflector. The reflector was created for club use, but it is privately owned.

Our policy is to print and/or post only information that is related to Amateur Radio, and not items of a political or religious nature, unless it has an impact on Amateur Radio, such as antenna ordinances, etc.

If a member wishes to have printed/posted any topic that is not Amateur Radio related, they can submit a copy to the club newsletter editor, webmaster, e-mail reflector moderator or any club officer, and the matter will be discussed and decided upon by the Board of Directors. **No PERSONAL attacks** will be allowed in either the newsletter or on the reflector.

Submissions are due on the 1st Friday after the 2nd Wednesday of each month!!

TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING MINUTES

Leon Helms N6VS



Balance as of August 31,2008 \$2805.39
Income:
 Visalia share from SCDXC \$2400.00
 2009 membership renewals 30.00
 new members 30.00
Expenses:
 Laptop purchase 614.78
 2007 Xmas door prizes 49.52
Balance as of September 30, 2008: \$4601.09
 Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00
Balance Checking/Petty Cash \$4621.09

Meeting Minutes
September 24,2008

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 24, 2008 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero Drive and Murphy Canyon Road. President Glenn Rattmann, K6NA, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Thirty Two members and guests were present. Skip KJ6Y, and Dave N2NL were introduced as visitors for the evening.

Dave K6JHD, Dick K6GAK and Carl, KI6FIF presented applications for membership and were accepted into the club.

Old business:

One W6AM book had remained unsold – K6JHD offered to purchase it..

Under Subcommittees:

Gail, K6GO reported on the progress towards insuring that the eligible young hams from California have the information to apply for next years ARRL scholarships.

The DX roundup proved there is still no significant sun spot activity, but some DX is workable at the right time.

The evenings program began with a special audio/video presentation on the construction of W6YI's 3 element 80 meter yagi over the summer.

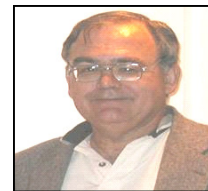
The antenna theme continued with John, K6AM's presentation on the 6Y1V contest super station in Jamaica. Would you believe dual operator positions, each with an Icom 7800 to work the same pileup, and whoever keys first gets the amplifier and antenna, and stacked Monster IRs as the small antenna? For those who missed the show, take a look at <http://www.6y1v.com>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59

Respectfully submitted by Leon Helms N6VS
Secretary/Treasurer

THE SDDXC TOP 10 (EXPANDED VERSION)

By John, K6AM



CURRENT COUNTRIES CONFIRMED ON PHONE

10/08	10/07	CALL	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	5.	W6YI	337	353	353	+2
2.	1.	W6CN	337	349	349	-
3.	2.	K6AM	337	343	343	-
4.	3.	W6KUT 335	372	373	-	-
5.	4.	W6EUF 335	369	371	-	-
6.	6.	W6YOO 335	341	342	-	-
7.	7.	N6AW	334	353	353	-
8.	8.	W6SHY 334	345	345	-	-
9.	-	NN6K	334	334	334	NEW
10.	9.	W6YA	333	?	?	-
11.	10.	K6QS	332	335	338	-
12.	11.	N6CW	330	346	347	+1
13.	12.	W6ZZ	324	350	351	-
14.	13.	K6ZH	322	328	329	+1
15.	14.	WA6MHZ	319	326	329	-
16.	16.	N6ND	317	331	352	+4
17.	17.	KM6K	307	312	312	-
18.	19.	N6XT	299	299	313	+9
19.	20.	WN6K	293	299	318	+3
20.	18.	NG6Z	292	292	295	-

We're lookin' at the top 20 in this category to accommodate the larger number of entries. Congrats to Jim, W6YI who moves into first place for the first time and new member Les, NN6K who hits the ground running. This report does not appear to include the QSL's for St. Bartelemy yet, so they should move everyone up next year. Send me your updates when those cards come in so you won't get left in the dust. There's still plenty of room for a shakeup in the second ten, so you guys get out there and have some fun.

These scores were based on your direct reports and the club ladder, whichever was most current.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser-recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, CW, 10/40M and 80/20M. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

CHECK YOUR LOGS

It's time once again to recognize those of you who have made outstanding DX achievements during the year. Please check your logs and let me know if you worked your 329th current country or more than 20 all time new countries during 2008. Send your totals to the address above.



E-mails Asking for Personal Information Are Not from ARRL

(Oct 17, 2008) -- We have received several reports from ARRL members with **arrrl.net** e-mail accounts who have recently been contacted via e-mail asking for personal information, such as user names and passwords. Please be assured that these e-mails are fraudulent attempts at "[phishing](#)" and did not originate from ARRL. According to ARRL Information Technology Manager Don Durand, "This is a very crude attempt at phishing, using an easily determined spoof of the originating/return address. There is never a time when we would ask via mass e-mail for user names and passwords of **arrrl.net** users. There is simply no need to ever do so." If you receive an e-mail asking for personal information and it looks like it originated from ARRL, please do not respond, just delete it.

(taken from the ARRL Letter)

Upcoming Events:

October 19 Illinois QSO Party
October 22-- Club meeting, Sizzler
October 22-- Holiday party reservations due at meeting
October 25-26-- CQ WW DX Phone contest.

Have an event you would like to promote, send it to me!!



ARRL On-Line Auction Begins Preview Week

(Oct 16, 2008) -- The [Third Annual ARRL On-Line Auction](#) begins its preview week on Thursday, October 16. With more than 160 items up for bid -- with more being added every day -- this event promises to have something for just about everyone. The auction, which kicks off Thursday, October 23, runs until October 31 on the ARRL Web site. This year's auction will again include many transceivers and other items, including items that have appeared in the *QST* Product Review column, and have thus been thoroughly tested by the ARRL Lab. According to ARRL Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, "Last year's online auction -- our second -- proved to be a successful and enjoyable event for both hams and ARRL staff members alike. When the bidding ended, we realized that we had sold 162 items and sold just over \$50,000 worth of merchandise." Proceeds from the auction benefit ARRL education programs including activities to license new hams, strengthen Amateur Radio's emergency service training, offer continuing technical and operating education, as well as create instructional materials.

(taken from the ARRL Letter)

Holiday Party Monies Due!

Planning on going to the DX Club Holiday party on Dec 6, 2008? If so, please send a check to Leon N6VS or bring them to the October meeting. That will be the deadline! The cost is \$15 per person.